REMARKS

Upon entry of the present paper, claims 11-13 will have been amended to change the dependency of these claims (which were newly-added in the previously-submitted Amendment of January 24, 2005) from claim 1 to claim 10, solely to correct a clerical error therein. Accordingly, this amendment should not be considered a decision by Applicants to narrow the claims in any way. Claims 1-18 remain pending in the present application.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate the allowance of each and every pending claim in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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